

Fiscal Estimate - 2023 Session

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LRB Number 23-5503/1	Introduction Number AB-1168
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Fiscal Effect

State:

- No State Fiscal Effect
- Indeterminate
- Increase Existing Appropriations
 Decrease Existing Appropriations
 Create New Appropriations

Increase Existing Revenues
 Decrease Existing Revenues

Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget

Yes No

 Decrease Costs

Local:

- No Local Government Costs
- Indeterminate
- 1. Increase Costs
 Permissive Mandatory
 2. Decrease Costs
 Permissive Mandatory

3. Increase Revenue
 Permissive Mandatory
 4. Decrease Revenue
 Permissive Mandatory

5. Types of Local Government Units Affected
 Towns Village Cities
 Counties Others
 School Districts WTCS Districts

Fund Sources Affected **Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations**

GPR
 FED
 PRO
 PRS
 SEG
 SEGS
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill directs the Department to increase the maximum allowable Medicaid reimbursement rate for ambulance response and treatment, no transport services to a rate that matches the maximum allowable rate for reimbursement of ambulance services that include patient transport. This bill also increases GPR funding for the Medicaid program by \$860,000 for fiscal year 2024-25.

Under current policy, the maximum allowable Medicaid reimbursement rate for 'ambulance response and treatment, no transport' is \$69.00. The Wisconsin Medicaid program reimburses a range of ambulance services that include patient transport. These services include advance life support emergency and non-emergency transport, basic life support emergency and non-emergency transport, and air transport services. Medicaid maximum reimbursement rates for these transport services vary widely, and this bill does not identify a specific target service within this range for the proposed rate increase. In absence of more specific direction, should this bill pass, the Department would need to determine which target Medicaid emergency transport rate best matches the intent of this bill. For the purposes of this fiscal estimate, the Department assumes the rate for 'ambulance response and treatment, no transport' is increased to the current maximum Medicaid reimbursement rate for the 'basic life support non-emergency transport', which is currently \$232.19.

Using calendar year 2022 utilization data, annualized costs under current reimbursement policy for ambulance response and treatment, no transport services are approximately \$1.01 million AF (\$0.4 million GPR). It is estimated that total annualized costs for repriced CY22 utilization using the basic life support non-emergency transport rate are approximately \$3.4 million AF (\$1.35 million GPR). The Department estimates that the total fiscal impact of this bill on the Medicaid program would be \$2.4 million AF (\$0.95 million GPR and \$1.45 million FED) on an annualized basis. The Department can absorb the additional projected cost above the \$860,000 GPR increase for Medicaid benefits appropriated in the bill.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications